

Archbishop Hoban High School -- Course Waiver Request

This waiver must be signed by the student and parents/guardians before a student is considered for registration in a class for which they were not recommended. Waiver forms must be received by March 3rd in order to be considered.

Student (Please print) _____ Grade in 2025-2026 10 11 12

We do not agree with the recommended course selection. Our course request(s) and reason(s) for them are listed below.

Recommended course(s): _____ Parent and Student Course Request(s): _____

We request this placement for the following reason(s): _____

Supporting evidence: _____

Teacher recommendations are based on both past performance and ability to succeed in a course. Course requests will be reviewed and given careful consideration based on the reason and evidence provided.

Archbishop Hoban encourages students to challenge themselves, however Honors and AP level courses require additional time and effort. The following elements are part of taking a more advanced course than the recommendation:

- The requested course is accelerated and designed to be challenging.
- The requested course will focus more on student-initiated inquiry, requiring students to explore, hypothesize, analyze and develop material on their own, in contrast to a traditional class.
- There will likely be times when the student may feel uncertain and stressed.
- Higher grades are not guaranteed. The student is encouraged to embrace the advanced course in a spirit of learning and growing, rather than focusing on the grade earned.
- The pacing of the requested course is designed to meet objectives. Curriculum will not be modified for an individual student. The student may need to keep up with the pace by putting in additional time compared to other classes.
- The teacher will provide help by answering questions on the course material. Students will need to prepare questions in advance so that time spent is productive. However, the teacher cannot be expected to provide extensive, on-going tutoring in order to keep a student on pace with the course.
- The advanced nature of the requested course may preclude tutors being able to assist the student with the course material.

We have reviewed and acknowledged these key elements as indicated by our signature and, if granted, take full responsibility for this decision and accept the consequences that may result.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

----- (do not write below this line) -----

Action by the Administration

Accepted _____ Not Accepted _____

Notes:

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form to your counselor by March 3, 2025.